

CHILD SUPPORT EVADER JERRY BIGELOW

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your help to find Child Support Evader Jerry Bigelow, one of the Most Wanted Child Support Evaders in Texas. Bigelow, who was named a Child

Support Evader in 2013, owes more than \$166,000 for his five children's care. Bigelow has gone underground to elude officials and willfully avoid arrest.

When the parents divorced in 2004, Bigelow was ordered to pay \$1,220 per month in child support, and an additional \$160 per month to cover \$22,000 in missed payments that accumulated under a temporary separation order. Bigelow, who had the ability to make his payments, did not follow the court's order to support his children financially. By 2009, he owed \$74,240.97 in unpaid child support.

After giving Bigelow many opportunities to pay what he owed, the Office of the Attorney General filed a legal action to enforce the child support order. An arrest warrant

was issued with a \$5,000 cash bond when Bigelow, who received lawful notice, did not appear at the court hearing. Bigelow is now wanted on civil charges for failure to pay court ordered child support.

Bigelow has not made a voluntary child support payment since 2009. By refusing to provide the financial resources that his five sons need, Bigelow has turned his back on his children and violated the law. A combination of missed payments and interest that accrues on unpaid child support adds up to more than \$166,000 in unpaid child support Bigelow now owes.

Investigators from the Attorney General's Office have searched the state for Bigelow, who may be hiding in the Bastrop or Austin area. Other leads indicate Bigelow may be living in Fort Pierce, FL; he may be self-employed or working for cash to avoid garnishment of wages to pay child support. Contact the Attorney General's Office at (866) EVADERS (382-3377) to report information that may lead to the arrest of Jerry Leroy Bigelow.

Last Address:	Bastrop, TX
Occupation:	General Laborer
Born:	1966
Height:	150
Weight:	5'5"
Color of Eyes:	Brown
Color of Hair:	Black
Race:	Asian

Texas law requires the Office of the Attorney General to publicly identify certain parents who are delinquent in the payment of child support. The Child Support Evaders are selected because they have the ability to take responsibility for their children, but refuse to do so. Incarceration is the only option for parents who repeatedly ignore court orders to pay child support. The Attorney General's Office helps parents who lack the ability to pay child support by referring them to job training and employment services. Visit the agency's website www.texasattorneygeneral.gov obtain more information about the Attorney General's Child Support Division and the services it offers.

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POINTS TO REMEMBER



For a parent to be named a Most Wanted Child Support Evader:

- Court-ordered delinquent support must be in excess of \$5,000
- Arrest warrant must have been issued for nonsupport
- The parent is avoiding apprehension
- Parent has not paid regularly in the last six months
- Noncustodial parent must not be involved in bankruptcy proceedings
- Noncustodial parent must not be receiving welfare benefits
- A photograph must be available

In order to make child support information public, the custodial parent must sign a confidentiality waiver.

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